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the policy ought to be and what the law ought to be because one side is not winning enough? Think about that. So I'm, Mr. President, as much as I'd like to take the time of the body tonight and talk about the tax court, we've spent a lot of time putting it together, I will introduce it as a bill and we'll run it through. But at the same time, I hope that you seriously look at what the Revenue Committee is trying to do. They're not going to throw the baby out with the bath water. And maybe what we need to do is pay those people a little more and do a better job of recruitment. There's more that we can talk about, but I don't think it...at this point I think you get the message, there is a problem, we've got to address it. I support the Revenue Committee amendments as they are and, Mr. President, I'd withdraw my amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn. Madam Clerk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, excuse me. Senator Wehrbein would move to amend the committee amendments. (FA241, Legislative Journal page 1918.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein, recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments to LB 465.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members, this amendment strikes the five commissioners and returns it to three and takes the appropriate action in other sections where it was...referred to the Public Service Commissioners districts and so forth. It's intended to take it...the intention is to take it back to three commissioners, instead of the present five. I am not convinced at this point it's necessary to expand in the first place. The second one is, and it should be no surprise, is my concern for the additional fiscal cost. I looked it up, the budget for the next two years is over \$600,000 each year for this commission. Adding two more, I'm sure, would add another hundred or more. That in itself is...I mean not that we shouldn't do an adequate job here in this commission, but we have increased the funding on this a lot. I'm very concerned about the trend that we have here. Whether we're ready for five, I'm not convinced, I guess, that we are. We've had quite